

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An elevator shaft closure for a telescopic door having at least one door leaf and a door frame, a closing edge region being formed in a closed state by the at least one door leaf and a closing edge of the door frame, comprising:

10 a first door frame part and a second door frame part cooperating to form the closing edge of the door frame, said first and second door frame parts adapted to be attached to a building at an elevator door opening; and  
a thermally separable material connecting said first door frame part to said second door frame part whereby said thermally separable material releases said first door frame part from said second door frame part and said first door frame part changes position relative to said second door frame part under predetermined thermal stress.

15 2. The elevator shaft closure according to claim 1 wherein said first door frame part and said second door frame part are configured to form a labyrinth.

20 3. The elevator shaft closure according to claim 1 wherein said first door frame part and said second door frame part are configured to be selectively fastened to one of a wall of the building and a foundation upright of the building.

25 4. The elevator shaft closure according to claim 3 wherein said thermally separable material detachably connects said first door frame part with said second door frame part in the closing edge region.

5. The elevator shaft closure according to claim 4 wherein said first door frame part and said second door frame part are additionally firmly connected in at least one of an upper portion and lower portion of the closing edge region.

30 6. The elevator shaft closure according to claim 1 wherein said first door frame part and said second door frame part are formed of different materials.

7. A method of fulfilling fire protection requirements in a elevator shaft closure for a door with at least one door leaf comprising the steps of:

- a) attaching a first door frame part to a building at an elevator door opening;
- b) attaching a second door frame part to the building at the elevator door opening to form a closing edge of a door frame; and
- c) connecting the first door frame part to the second door frame part with a thermally separable material whereby the thermally separable material releases the first door frame part from the second door frame part and the released first door frame part changes position relative to the second door frame part under predetermined thermal stress.

8. The method according to claim 7 wherein said steps a) and b) are performed by attaching the first and second door frame parts to one of a wall of the building and a foundation upright of the building.

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9. An elevator shaft closure for a telescopic door having at least one door leaf and a door frame, a closing edge region being formed in a closed state by the at least one door leaf and a closing edge of the door frame, comprising:

- a first door frame part and a second door frame part cooperating to form the closing edge of the door frame, said first and second door frame parts adapted to be attached to a building at an elevator door opening; and
- a thermally separable material connecting said first door frame part to said second door frame part whereby when the elevator shaft closure is installed in the door opening, said thermally separable material releases said first door frame part from said second door frame part under predetermined thermal stress and said first door frame part displaces in front of the at least one door leaf and said second door frame part substantially retains its original shape.